

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A joint seal for use in joints that may be exposed to water comprising at least one layer of a compressible impregnated open cell foam, on at least a portion of the surface of which is positioned a hydrophilic material.

2. A joint seal as claimed in claim 1, comprising two layers of said open celled foam, sandwiching a layer of hydrophilic material.

3. A joint seal as claimed in claim 1, comprising two layers of said open celled foam, between which is embedded at least one strip of hydrophilic material

4. A joint seal as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a core of non-compressible closed cell foam, sandwiched by two layers of hydrophilic material, onto the outer surfaces of which are adhered layers of said open cell foam.

5. A joint seal as claimed in claim 1, wherein said hydrophilic material at least partially impregnates a surface of said foam.

6. A joint seal as claimed in claim 5, including two layers of foam at least partially impregnated with hydrophilic material, sandwiching a layer of incompressible closed cell foam.